

absence of express statutory authority to charge such fees.

(Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 872, §30, as added Pub. L. 100-418, title V, §5161, Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1450.)

### § 278p. Notice to Congress

#### (a) Notice of reprogramming

If any funds authorized for carrying out this chapter are subject to a reprogramming action that requires notice to be provided to the Appropriations Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate, notice of such action shall concurrently be provided to the Committee on Science of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

#### (b) Notice of reorganization

##### (1) Requirement

The Secretary shall provide notice to the Committees on Science and Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and the Committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and Appropriations of the Senate, not later than 15 days before any major reorganization of any program, project, or activity of the Institute.

##### (2) “Major reorganization” defined

For purposes of this subsection, the term “major reorganization” means any reorganization of the Institute that involves the reassignment of more than 25 percent of the employees of the Institute.

(Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 872, §31, as added Pub. L. 105-309, §4(b), Oct. 30, 1998, 112 Stat. 2935.)

### § 278q. Appropriations; availability

Appropriations to carry out the provisions of this chapter may remain available for obligation and expenditure for such period or periods as may be specified in the Acts making such appropriations.

(Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 872, §32, formerly §18, as added Pub. L. 92-317, §3(a), June 22, 1972, 86 Stat. 235; amended Pub. L. 95-322, §2(b), July 21, 1978, 92 Stat. 395; Pub. L. 96-461, §10, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2052; renumbered §19, Pub. L. 99-574, §6(a), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3237; renumbered §20, Pub. L. 99-574, §8(a), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3238; renumbered §22, Pub. L. 100-235, §3(2), Jan. 8, 1988, 101 Stat. 1724; renumbered §32, Pub. L. 107-305, §8(a)(1), Nov. 27, 2002, 116 Stat. 2375.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 278h of this title prior to renumbering by Pub. L. 107-305.

Another section 32 of act Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 872, is set out as a Short Title note under section 271 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

1980—Pub. L. 96-461 substituted “Appropriations” for “(a) Appropriations” and struck out subsec. (b) which authorized appropriations to carry out provisions of this chapter, including the Working Capital Fund referred to in section 278b(a) of this title, but excluding section 278f of this title, of such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1979 and 1980.

1978—Pub. L. 95-322 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

### § 279. Absence of Director

In the case of the absence of the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology the Secretary of Commerce may designate some officer of said Institute to perform the duties of the director during his absence.

(Mar. 4, 1911, ch. 237, §1, 36 Stat. 1231; Mar. 4, 1913, ch. 141, §1, 37 Stat. 736; Pub. L. 100-418, title V, §5115(c), Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1433.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act which comprises this chapter.

#### AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-418 substituted “National Institute of Standards and Technology” for “Bureau of Standards” and “Institute” for “bureau”.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Act Mar. 4, 1913, substituted “Secretary of Commerce” for “Secretary of Commerce and Labor”.

### §§ 280, 281. Repealed. Pub. L. 100-418, title V, § 5113, Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1432

Section 280, acts July 16, 1914, ch. 141, §1, 38 Stat. 502; 1978 Reorg. Plan No. 2, §102, 43 F.R. 36037, 92 Stat. 3783, related to promotion of apprentices in National Bureau of Standards.

Section 281, acts Mar. 4, 1913, ch. 150, §1, 37 Stat. 945; 1967 Reorg. Plan No. 3, §401, eff. Aug. 11, 1967, 32 F.R. 11669, 81 Stat. 948; Dec. 24, 1973, Pub. L. 93-198, title IV, §421, title VII, §711, 87 Stat. 789, 818, related to testing of building and other structural materials for District of Columbia.

### § 281a. Structural failures

The National Institute of Standards and Technology, on its own initiative but only after consultation with local authorities, may initiate and conduct investigations to determine the causes of structural failures in structures which are used or occupied by the general public. No part of any report resulting from such investigation, or from an investigation under the National Construction Safety Team Act [15 U.S.C. 7301 et seq.], shall be admitted as evidence or used in any suit or action for damages arising out of any matter mentioned in such report.

(Pub. L. 99-73, §7, July 29, 1985, 99 Stat. 173; Pub. L. 100-418, title V, §5115(c), Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1433; Pub. L. 107-231, §13, Oct. 1, 2002, 116 Stat. 1476.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The National Construction Safety Team Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 107-231, Oct. 1, 2002, 116 Stat. 1471, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 99 [§7301 et seq.] of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 7301 of this title and Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act which comprises this chapter.

#### AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-231 inserted “, or from an investigation under the National Construction Safety Team Act,” after “from such investigation”.

1988—Pub. L. 100-418 substituted “National Institute of Standards and Technology” for “National Bureau of Standards”.

**§ 282. Repealed. Pub. L. 100-418, title V, § 5113, Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1432**

Section, act May 14, 1930, ch. 275, §1, 46 Stat. 327, related to establishment and purpose of a national hydraulic laboratory and studies of Federal and State projects related thereto.

**§ 282a. Assessment of emerging technologies requiring research in metrology**

The Board of Assessment of the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall include, as part of its annual review, an assessment of emerging technologies which are expected to require research in metrology to keep the Institute abreast of its mission, including process and quality control, engineering databases, advanced materials, electronics and fiber optics, bioprocess engineering, and advanced computing concepts. Such review shall include estimates of the cost of the required effort, required staffing levels, appropriate interaction with industry, including technology transfer, and the period over which the research will be required.

(Pub. L. 100-418, title V, §5163(a), Aug. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 1450.)

**CODIFICATION**

Section is comprised of section 5163(a) of Pub. L. 100-418. Section 5163(b)–(d) of Pub. L. 100-418 enacted provisions set out as a note under section 272 of this title, amended section 3710 of this title, and enacted section 1533 of this title, respectively.

Section was not enacted as part of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act which comprises this chapter.

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 282a, Pub. L. 99-574, §7, Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3237, consisted of provisions substantially identical to this section.

**§ 283. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, §8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 655, 656**

Section, acts July 20, 1949, ch. 354, title III, §301, 63 Stat. 468; Sept. 6, 1950, ch. 896, ch. III, title III, §301, 64 Stat. 628, related to appointment of personnel observing radio propagation phenomena in Arctic Region.

**§ 284. Omitted**

**CODIFICATION**

Section, acts Oct. 22, 1951, ch. 533, title III, §301, 65 Stat. 593; Sept. 6, 1950, ch. 896, ch. III, title III, §301, 64 Stat. 628; July 20, 1949, ch. 354, title III, §301, 63 Stat. 468, which related to transfer of materials, etc., to Bureau of ionosphere observation by Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, was from the Department of Commerce Appropriation Act, 1952, and has not been repeated in subsequent appropriation acts.

**§§ 285, 286. Repealed. Pub. L. 85-890, §3, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1712**

Section 285, act July 21, 1950, ch. 485, §1, 64 Stat. 370, related to functions and activities of National Bureau of Standards for which funds should be available. See section 278e of this title.

Section 286, act July 21, 1950, ch. 485, §2, 64 Stat. 371, related to construction and improvement of buildings and facilities. See section 278d of this title.

**CHAPTER 7A—STANDARD REFERENCE DATA PROGRAM**

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**§ 290. Congressional declaration of policy**

The Congress hereby finds and declares that reliable standardized scientific and technical reference data are of vital importance to the progress of the Nation's science and technology. It is therefore the policy of the Congress to make critically evaluated reference data readily available to scientists, engineers, and the general public. It is the purpose of this chapter to strengthen and enhance this policy.

(Pub. L. 90-396, §1, July 11, 1968, 82 Stat. 339.)

**SHORT TITLE**

Section 8 of Pub. L. 90-396 provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Standard Reference Data Act’.”

**§ 290a. Definitions**

For the purposes of this chapter—

(a) The term “standard reference data” means quantitative information, related to a measurable physical or chemical property of a substance or system of substances of known composition and structure, which is critically evaluated as to its reliability under section 290b of title.

(b) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Commerce.

(Pub. L. 90-396, §2, July 11, 1968, 82 Stat. 340.)

**§ 290b. Collection, compilation, critical evaluation, publication and dissemination of standard reference data**

The Secretary is authorized and directed to provide or arrange for the collection, compilation, critical evaluation, publication, and dissemination of standard reference data. In carrying out this program, the Secretary shall, to the maximum extent practicable, utilize the reference data services and facilities of other agencies and instrumentalities of the Federal Government and of State and local governments, persons, firms, institutions, and associations, with their consent and in such a manner as to avoid duplication of those services and facilities. All agencies and instrumentalities of the Federal Government are encouraged to exercise their duties and functions in such manner as will assist in carrying out the purpose of this chapter. This section shall be deemed complementary to existing authority, and nothing herein is intended to repeal, supersede, or diminish existing authority or responsibility of any